

for his heroism in Normandy France during Operation Overlord in June of 1944.

And Bob Brown was an inventor. Having studied electrical engineering at Purdue University and serving as a radar technical officer during World War II, Brown was fascinated by new technologies and gadgets.

And while he held two patents on labor-saving newspaper-production devices, it went deeper than that.

As his son Jeff told me this week, "He was an inventor. He wanted to invent something. So he invented a newspaper."

Brown had succeeded his father Raymond Brown as publisher of the family-owned newspaper in Columbus, the Evening Republican (now called The Republic). Ambition and entrepreneurial spirit motivated Bob Brown in the early 1960s to start a newspaper from scratch, rather than buying an existing newspaper. It was, as Jeff would tell me this week, "His defining professional moment."

Foreseeing Johnson County's booming population growth in the decades ahead, Brown founded his newspaper, the Daily Journal, to cover the entire county.

Brown spearheaded construction of the Daily Journal's first ever glassed-in plant on US 31, the first newspaper in the nation to be built from the ground up with the then innovative offset-press technology.

The "Journal Hill" site north of Franklin took shape Sept. 14, 1962. The 11,000-square foot glass-enclosed building allowed passers-by on US 31 to see the new Goss Suburban offset press inside.

Offset printing was a technological leap forward. After a newspaper page was composited, it was photographed and the negative was rendered into a thin plate for the printing press. The innovation was less time-consuming and labor-intensive than the old "hot-type" printing method.

Publishers from all over the country came to Journal Hill to marvel at the new technology and this showman's glass wall display of the presses. Today virtually every major newspaper in America reflects both of these Brown innovations.

The first issue of the Daily Journal rolled off the press on July 22, 1963. Afternoon delivery was the norm at the time. From the start, his colleagues attest, Mr. Brown set the tone for the Daily Journal's news coverage: Fairness to all and special treatment for none.

Howard "Bud" Herron, former editor and later publisher of the Daily Journal and now publisher of The Republic in Columbus, noted Brown's push for employees to excel.

Herron recalled that Brown gave editors and publishers the freedom to make their own news judgments.

"He was a believer in the total integrity of the news operation," Herron said.

And Bob Brown was a gentle man. As Dorothy Hayes, one of the Daily Journal's original employees, recalled last week in a story that demonstrated the rare combination of kindness and high standards that characterized his life. "He was a perfectionist, and you tried so hard to do everything the way he wanted it done."

Hayes, now 70, remembered that Brown insisted on certain rules.

"He had this thing about Scotch tape. He didn't like it," she recalled.

Hayes, who had just turned 30, had whimsically Scotch-taped a clipping stating "Don't

trust anyone over 30" to her cash register. The boss was not amused.

Brown wandered over and was talking to Hayes; and during the conversation, he nonchalantly scraped off the Scotch tape with his fingernail.

"He never said a word to me, but I got the message: 'Do not use Scotch tape,'" Hayes laughed. "He was very meticulous," she added compellingly. "He was the kindest man I've ever met, and the most fair."

And so he was. When I met Mr. Brown as a floppy haired junior highschooler, I was taken aback by his genuine interest in me and my future. He listened to my ideas and ambitions and always took time to gently challenge my plans and my thinking with a grandfatherly touch. I can still hear his voice during countless sessions in the Brown family living room, following one of my pronouncements about how I saw things, when he would gently say, "Mike, you might want to look at that a little differently."

Bob Brown was a gentle man, an inventor, a hero and a family man.

But make no mistake about it, Bob Brown was a leader too.

As Bud Herron said, "He didn't tiptoe through life. Everywhere he went he left broad, bold footprints."

And perhaps his peer and personal friend, Mr. J. Irwin Miller put it best when he said, "Today this community lost one of its great sons." The former Cummins Inc. Chairman went on to say, "The fact that The Republic is a thriving, fourth-generation family business is a testament to Bob's leadership, vision and hard work. He will be greatly missed by his family and by all of us who were honored to know him personally."

His devotion to his family, his service to America, his personal kindness; and his bold vision for his enterprise and our community are all the elements of a life of great quality.

It is written, "No greater love has a man than this that he should lay down his life for his friends."

Bob Brown put his life on the line for his nation, and laid down the balance of his life for his family, his community and the people of the enterprise to which he was born . . . namely . . . his friends.

And we, his friends, bid him this tender farewell with hearts overflowing with gratitude to God for the privilege of having known this man . . . Confident that just a few days ago, this good man—his mind and memory restored—his body young and strong again—as he did so many years ago, stepped onto the sands of another shore into the warm embrace of Raymond, Anna, Betty and Elizabeth and heard those deserved words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 25, 2004

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the concurrent resolution (H.

Con. Res. 393) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009:

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Chairman, Congress does not have an income problem. What we have is a spending problem. We don't need to increase taxes, as the alternative budgets propose. What we need to do is hold down spending in order to start reducing this deficit.

My constituents are simply taxed-out. I can't go back to them and say that instead of allowing the tax relief approved in 2001 and 2003 to continue, we plan to let their taxes go back up so that Congress can spend more.

Which priorities come first? The priorities of families out there working hard and small businesses striving to expand and create jobs or the priorities of those who want more government spending? I believe the priorities of our families and small businesses come first, but others just don't seem to get it.

As a small business owner, I know how important tax relief is to the growth of small business, the economy and for job creation. We're on the right track with economic growth and job creation, and we need to continue down that path. Passing a budget alternative that increases taxes moves our country and the economy in the wrong direction. We need to continue to grow the American economy—not the American government.

The Republican budget gets our spending under control, cutting the deficit in half over four years without reducing our national defense, homeland security or veterans care. It acknowledges that out of the trillions of dollars in Federal spending, there is waste and abuse we can cut without diminishing effective and useful programs and benefits. Our budget sets sound priorities and gives us the means to follow through on them.

As we consider these budget alternatives today, the bottom line is that all of the Democratic alternatives raise taxes in order to grow spending. The Republican budget does not raise taxes and reduces spending. It's not hard to guess which alternative my constituents prefer.

ARIZONA'S VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ESSAY

HON. RICK RENZI

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 29, 2004

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Arizona's winning essayist for VFW Voice of Democracy writing contest is Stephanie Hall, from Lakeside, Arizona in the First Congressional District.

In her essay, Stephanie recalls her grandfather's memories of his service to the Nation and the lessons of responsibility, patriotism and duty he taught her through his stories. Stephanie pledges to honor the memory of her grandfather and the legacy of those who served before him to safeguard the principles which they fought to defend.

I commend Stephanie for a thoughtful essay, and include it here in the RECORD for my colleague's attention.